

February 19, 1986

RE: HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF N.J.

Dear Board Member:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Wednesday, February 26, 1986 at 6P.M. at the Mutual Benefit Life Building, 520 Broad Street, Newark, N.J. Enclosed is an agenda. If there are any items which you want included in the agenda, please let me know by February 25.

I am enclosing copies of a series of articles which appeared in the Star-Ledger this week regarding minority attorneys. It is very disturbing to me that Hispanic attorneys- our concerns and opinions- are barely mentioned in the articles. We, as an organization, were not even contacted in the preparation of the series. On the one hand this may be just another instance where Hispanic issues are presumed to be included in a discussion of black issues. However, I think that our absence in the discussion points also to our own failure as an organization to consistently and vociferously advocate on behalf of Hispanic attorneys and the Hispanic community. As an organization, we have been rather passive and have been reacting to issues, not initiating them. It is my feeling that we cannot continue to function in this manner, if we want the H.B.A. to have credibility among Hispanic attorneys and to have input into issues that affect us as attorneys.

We need to discuss this as a Board; I have included it on our agenda. It is my intent that our discussion be focused on what we will do now and in the future, rather than on what we have failed to do in the past. I urge you to give this some thought before the Board meeting, and to come prepared to share your thinking on it.

Very truly yours,

Grissele Camacho-Pagan
President

HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Directors Meeting
February 26, 1986

AGENDA

1. Reading of minutes of January 15, 1986.
2. Reports
 - President's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Minorities in Judiciary Task Force
 - 1986 Dinner Dance
 - 1986 Ad Journal
3. Star-Ledger Articles
4. General Membership Meeting

2/26/80

present: Virginia, Hector, Alberto, ~~AAA~~
absent: Marga, Marta, Billy, Julio, Norberto, Maria, Pat

Task Force Report Hector

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48 members - 4 subcommittees

Hector Criminal & minority

Hispanic minority access to justice ^{approval of judges} minority plott.

Dios, Alicia Rivera-Vasquez, ^{Clapp, Rosenberg} Participation in judicial process.
Julio L., Ramon R. ~~_____~~ juvenile justice.

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what specific comm. they are in.

- public hearings - when?



Hector - to send me list of people on committee.

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honor: Rev. Fr. Luis Comenarias

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